

**FRANKLIN HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.**

**City Hall - 316 Central Street**

- ❑ **Call to Order 6:00 p.m.**
- ❑ **Salute to the Flag – led by Bob Lucas**
- ❑ **Roll Call:** Chairman Glen Feener, Bob Lucas, Tim Stangroom, Alternate Leigh Webb. Absent: Colby Morrill, Councilor Paul Trudel due to City Council Meeting.

❖ **Seat Alternates** – Leigh Webb was seated for Colby Morrill.

- ❑ **Approval of Minutes of the March 14, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting of the Board.**

Motion to approve by Member Stangroom, seconded by Member Lucas. Member Webb noted one correction/omission of the word “if” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. Correction noted. Motion passed 4-0-0.

- ❑ **Old Business:** None

- ❑ **New Business:**

**H 22-05:** “Franklin Opera House”, tenant at 316 Central St, is applying to change the colors of their changeable flexible-letter marquee sign. The property is located at Map/Lot 117-145-00.

Dan Darling, Director, spoke to the application. He explained they are asking to change the marquee sign from a black background with white letters to a white background with black letters. There are lights inside the frame of the sign that do a better job of illuminating white features so they feel the sign will be more visible with a white background. The current sign is bent and needs to be replaced.

Member Lucas asked if the frame was being replaced also. Mr. Darling said it was not.

Member Webb recused himself from the discussion and vote due to being on the Board of the Opera House.

Chairman Feener opened the discussion to the public. With no comments, it was brought back to the Board.

Member Lucas made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Member Stangroom.

**Motion carried 3-0-0.**

**H 22-03:** “IFA Realty Holdings – Franklin, LLC,” owner, at 396 Central St. is applying to install an outside-mounted elevator, vestibule, and machine room. The property is located at Map/Lot 117-155-00.

Todd Workman, Agent for the owner, spoke to the application. He explained the design and logistics of the elevator, vestibule and machine room. He explained the color scheme and design. Member Stangroom asked if any part of it would be visible from Central Street. Mr. Workman

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confirmed that it would not be visible from Central Street as it will be blocked by the adjacent building. Member Webb asked about the easement as the elevator is technically on the adjacent property. Mr. Workman explained how the easement was incorporated in to the sale of that property which allows him the space to install the elevator as he knew that would be necessary to complete the renovations and make the building ADA compliant.

Chairman Feener opened the discussion to the public. With no comments, it was brought back to the Board.

Member Stangroom made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Member Webb.

**Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**H 22-04:** Hank Tran and Nguyen Thi Hai Duong, owners, at 436 Central St. are requesting façade improvements, namely new siding colors/materials. The property is located at Map/Lot 117-159-00.

The applicant was not in attendance to present his proposal. Member Webb shared some pictures the Historical Society had of the building from the 1800s and 1960s showing what the property used to look like prompting questions about whether there was still brick underneath the siding. Mr. Workman, who had stayed as a member of the public, shared that he used to own that building and there is no brick underneath. There had been a fire at the property next door and the brick had been badly charred so it was removed.

Chairman Feener brought up some questions he had about the applicant's design that he felt they would need answers on. The applicant needs to:

Confirm the color of the proposed siding as the applicant provided a paint chip, size of the siding, whether any changes are proposed to the windows and/or sashes, and if any lighting is proposed.

Chairman Feener opened it up to the public. Mr. Workman commented on the Laconia Opera House (LOH) pictures that the applicant had provided as an example and suggested they add some type of architecture to the roofline like the LOH has and he would like to see outside lighting examples, also. He also expressed that he did not care for the signboard/placement-holder that was on the applicant's plan.

Chairman Feener closed the public hearing and brought it back to the Board. Member Stangroom asked if the staff was aware of any plans to replace the windows. Administrative Assistant Bibbins said the applicant had not shared any plans for the windows.

Member Stangroom made a motion to continue the application to the May 9, 2022 meeting, seconded by Member Webb. **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

❑ **Other Business:** None

❑ **Public Comment:** None

❑ **Adjournment:** Member Stangroom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Webb. **Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bibbins

Administrative Assistant for Planning and Zoning